

TRANSLATION
(excerpt)

**Fourteenth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate (14th CoBeLVO)
of 14 December 2020**

Based on § 32 sentence 1 in connection with § 28 para. 1 sentence 1 and 2, § 28a para. 1 and § 29, and § 30 para. 1 sentence 2 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) as amended by Article 1 and 2 of the Act, dated 18 November 2020 (...) in conjunction with § 1 No. 1 of the State Ordinance on the Implementation of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (...) it is decreed:

**Part 1
General Protective Measures**

§ 1

(1) Each person is encouraged to reduce to a minimum closer and longer contacts to other persons and to keep the circle of persons to whom closer or longer contacts as constant as possible. Private gatherings held in one's own dwelling or other closed premises should be limited to members of their own and one other household up to a group size of five persons; children up to 14 years of age may be excluded in determining the number of persons. Notwithstanding sentence 2, in the period from 24. up to 26 December 2020 the stay in public space of persons of a household with up to four other persons from the closest family group (spouses, civil partners, partners of a non-marital partnership, relatives in a straight line, siblings, siblings and their respective household members) shall be permitted, even if this means that a total of more than five persons over the age of 14 or more than two households meet. Where possible, assemblies should preferably be held outdoors. Persons with symptoms of a respiratory infection (in particular cough, cold symptoms, fever) should stay at home if possible, they are generally to be denied access to facilities, events, and gatherings.

(2) When meeting other persons in public, a minimum distance of 1.5 meters shall be kept, unless otherwise stated in this Ordinance (**distance requirement**). Sentence 1 also applies if a mouth-nose cover is worn. Sentence 1 does not apply to contacts at which persons shortly have to meet, *e.g.*, use of public transportation as well as voluntary work to provide for the population.

(3) A mouth-nose covering shall be worn in enclosed rooms, which are publically accessible or open to visitors or customers. Additionally, this applies to all places open to the public, including in open-air public spaces, where people meet either in a confined space or not only temporarily. The determination of the places referred to in sentence 2 and the determination of a temporal scope of the obligation to wear a mouth-nose covering is the responsibility of the competent district administration, in district-free cities of the city administration as a county regulatory authority. Besides that a mouth-nose covering shall be worn insofar as this Ordinance stipulates it (**mask requirement**).

(4) The distance requirement and the mask requirement do not apply to

1. children up to the age of six are exempt.
2. persons for whom wearing a cover over mouth and nose is impossible or unreasonable due to a disability or for health-related reasons; this has to be verified by a medical certificate.
3. communication with persons with a hearing or visual impairment or for identification purposes or in connection with the performance of judicial tasks as long as it is necessary,
4. employees of the facilities, if other appropriate protective measures are taken or as long as there is no contact to customers or visitors.

(5) Where in public or commercial facilities or in the immediate vicinity of such facilities an accumulation of persons can be expected, the proprietor of the facility or the organizer of a meeting, gathering, or other get-together shall take measures to comply with the distance requirement, in particular to control access, for example, by affixing clearly visible distance markings at a distance of at least 1.5 meters. In waiting situations the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

(6) In public or commercial facilities special hygiene measures should be provided, such as the provision of disinfectants, increased cleaning intervals, separating devices and similar measures.

(7) Insofar as this Ordinance requires a limitation of persons, in a facility

- a) having a customer or visitor accessible store size of up to 800 sqm, there is total of no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer accessible store size,
- b) having a customer or visitor accessible store size or more than 801 sqm, there is on a size of 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 10 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size, and on the size exceeding 800 sqm no more than 1 person per 20 sqm of customer or visitor accessible store size.

(limitation of persons)

(8) The proprietor of the facility or the initiator of an assembly or other gathering has to ensure contact traceability, where expressly required in this Ordinance. If contact details are provided to the person obliged to collect data, they must be truthful and allow for contact tracking (**contact recording**). Contact details, ensuring accessibility of the person (name, first name, address, telephone number) as well as the date and time of the person's presence, have to be recorded in compliance with data protection law. The person obliged to collect the data has to verify that the provided contact details are complete and whether they contain obviously incorrect information (**plausibility check**). Persons who refuse to provide their contact details or who provide obviously incorrect or incomplete information shall be excluded from visiting or using the facility or participating in an assembly or get-together by the proprietor of the facility or the initiator of an assembly or other gathering. Those obliged to collect data shall ensure that unauthorized persons do not become aware of the data collected. The data shall not be used for any purpose other than the delivery upon request to the competent health authority and shall be deleted four weeks after collection. Data retention obligations resulting from other laws remain unaffected. The competent public health authority can demand information about the guests'

contact details, insofar as it is necessary to fulfil its duties under the provisions of the Infection Prevention and Control Act (IfSG) and its tasks under this Ordinance; the data has to be released immediately. Data transmitted to the competent public health authority have to be irreversibly deleted by the latter immediately as soon as the data is no longer required for fulfillment of its tasks.

(9) The hygiene concepts published on the website of the State government (www.corona.rlp.de) have to be observed as amended. If no hygiene concepts for individual facilities or measures are published on the website of the State government or the departmental ministries, hygiene concepts of comparable facilities or life conditions shall apply accordingly.

(10) Exemptions from the provisions of paragraphs 2 to 8 may, in justified individual cases, be granted, upon request and subject to conditions by the competent district administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current infections, and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

Part 2

Assemblies, events and accumulation of persons

§ 2

(1) The stay in public space is only permitted alone or with members of one's own and one other household up to a group size of five persons; children up to 14 years of age may be excluded in determining the number of persons. § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 does not apply. Notwithstanding sentence 1, in the period from 24. up to 26 December 2020 the stay in public space of persons of a household with up to four other persons from the closest family group (spouses, civil partners, partners of a non-marital partnership, relatives in a straight line, siblings, siblings and their respective household members) shall be permitted, even if this means that a total of more than five persons over the age of 14 or more than two households meet. The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public spaces is prohibited.

(2) Permitted are:

1. assemblies for business, professional or official reasons, in which persons must work in close direct contact, including the necessary management of agricultural and forestry land, as well as for reasons relevant to education, examinations or care
3. assemblies at offices and institutions carrying out public tasks.

§ 1 para. 2 sentence 1 does not apply to assemblies pursuant to sentence 1. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies.

(3) Subject to conditions, in particular the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, gatherings in open air may be

permitted by the competent authority under the Assembly Act, provided that this is justifiable in individual cases from an epidemiological point of view. As a rule, gatherings on 31 December 2020 and on 1 January 2021, should not be approved.

(4) Assemblies of persons intended to serve the maintenance of public security and order, the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms), the preparation and conduct of public elections, in particular constituency conferences and representative assemblies, the holding of blood donation appointments, the conduct of examinations at higher education institutions and the conduct of competitions for restricted courses of study, in particular study aptitude tests, or the provision of services of essential supply are permitted taking into account the general protective measures pursuant to § 1. In case of accumulations for the administration of justice, a mouth-nose covering is to be worn in general when in contact with other persons. IN all other cases, eh mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies.

(5) At accumulations of persons, the following persons may participate as mourners at funerals:

1. the deceased's spouse, civil partner or companion, fiancée or fiancé
2. persons who are related to the deceased in the first or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and
3. persons of one other household.

In addition to the group of persons referred to in sentence 1, other persons may also participate if compliance with the limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 is ensured. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

(6) In addition to the persons to be wed, the registrar, other persons required for the marriage and two marriage witnesses, he following persons may participate at civil weddings:

1. persons who are related to the newlyweds in the first or second degrees as well as their spouses, or civil partners, and
2. persons of one other household.

All persons present, with the exception of the persons to be wed, are subject to the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4.

(7) Meetings of self-help groups belonging to a welfare association of the LIGA of Free Welfare Care in Rhineland-Palatinate e.V. or registered in the databases of the Members of the KISS LAG and deal with coping mental stress situations, an own illness or a relative's illness are allowed subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply.

(8) Any further assembly of persons or events in public spaces or in rented or made available rooms, not covered in special provisions of this Ordinance, is prohibited subject to the right of self-organization of the Landtag and the local authorities.

(9) Notwithstanding § 23 para. 2 sentence 2 of the First Ordinance on the Explosives Act of 31 January 1991 (BGBl. I p. 169) as amended, the burning of category 2 pyrotechnic articles on public squares and on public roads within the meaning of § 1 para. 2 of the Land Roads Act is also prohibited on 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021. Publicly held fireworks at the turn of the year 2020/2021 is prohibited.

(10) Exceptions to the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 8 may upon request and on a justified case-by-case basis be granted by the competent county administration, in district-free cities by the city administration as a district regulatory authority, insofar as the level of protection is comparable, this is justifiable from an epidemiological point of view, in particular taking into account the current infections, and the purpose of this ordinance is not affected.

Part 3 Worship

§ 3

(1) Church services by religious communities or congregations of faith, or meetings that are required for self-organization or legislation are permitted subject to general protective measure, in particular adherence to the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1. Community or choral singing is not permitted. If several services are held in succession, a period of at least one hour between the end and the beginning of the respective service should be kept free. The use of instrumental music without increased aerosol output is permitted.

(2) The religious communities or congregations of faith ensure that chains of infection can be traced quickly and completely for a period of four week. A registration requirement shall be introduced for gatherings where visitor numbers are expected which could lead to reaching full capacity. Religious communities and congregations ensure that gatherings of persons in publicly accessible or reserved areas of the facility, which are used by a majority of persons, are avoided by controlling access. They are obliged to cooperate with the competent public health authority with regard to contact tracking in the event of infections.

(3) In enclosed rooms the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies to participants. Excluded are clergypersons as well as lecturers, prayer leaders, cantors and pre-singers subject to additional safety measures, specified in the infection protection concepts of the religious or faith communities.

(4) The religious communities or congregations of faith or their umbrella organizations create infection protection concepts, which regulate the details of protective measures, in particular ensuring contact tracking, and submit them to the competent public health authority upon request.

Part 4 Economy

§ 4

Prohibition of opening or carry out

It is prohibited to open or to carry out

1. clubs, discotheques, and similar facilities.
2. Fairgrounds, fairs and similar facilities,
3. prostitution trade within the meaning of § 2 para. 3 of the Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG) of 21 October 2016 (Federal Law Gazette Part I p. 2372) as amended.

§ 5

Conditions for opening up of public or commercial establishments

(1) Offices, authorities, administrations, institutions serving the administration of justice (including notaries and law firms), licensing offices, construction, industrial and recyclables establishments or similar public bodies may open in compliance with the general protective measures, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance.

(2) Commercial establishments are closed to customer traffic unless otherwise provided for in this Ordinance. Upon a prior order pick-up, take-out and delivery services are permitted.

(3) Excluded from the closure pursuant to paragraph 2 sentence 1 are:

1. retail establishments for food, direct marketers of food, beverage markets, drugstores, baby markets,
2. stands on weekly markets whose range of goods is in accordance with the permissible retail establishments,
3. pharmacies, medical supply stores, health food shops,
4. gas stations,
5. banks and savings banks, post offices,
6. cleaners, laundrettes,
7. sale of newspapers and magazines,
8. animal supply and feed markets;
9. wholesale.

The sale of Christmas trees is permitted. Where a facility offers other goods or services in addition to the goods or services referred to in sentences 1 and 2, this is permissible provided that the further range of goods or services does not form the main point of the sale or offer.

(4) Any sale or purchase of pyrotechnic articles is prohibited.

(5) Particularly in waiting situations, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, and the limitation on persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 apply in the facilities referenced in paragraphs 1 and 3 in enclosed rooms as well as outdoors, subject to the provisions § 2 para. 4. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3

sentence 4 also applies in the immediate vicinity of the facility or on parking lots. The limitation of persons pursuant to § 1 para. 7 does not apply

1. to agencies and institutions performing public service tasks
2. on stands at weekly markets pursuant to paragraph 3 sentence 1 No. 1 as well as
3. in face-to-face consultations, if only persons belonging to a maximum of two households are in one room

§ 6

Restrictions on services, ban on operations

(1) In all workplaces and establishments, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies. Sentence 1 does not apply between the persons employed there, provided that the minimum distance of 1.5 meters within the meaning of § 1 para. 2 can be observed at the respective place of work or permanent establishment.

(2) Service providers and craftsmen enterprises are permitted to pursue their activities subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 have to be observed.

(3) If the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 cannot be observed due to the nature of service, like in barber shops, hair salons, cosmetic studios, wellness massage practices, tattoo or piercing studios and similar facilities, the activity is prohibited. Services for hygienic or medical reasons are permitted, such as opticians, hearing care professionals, foot care facilities, podology, physiotherapy, occupational and logo therapies, in the case of rehabilitation sports and functional training within the meaning of § 64 para. 1 No. 3 and 4 Ninth Book of the Social Code or the like. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies, if the nature of the service permits. Additionally, the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 shall apply.

(4) All medical treatments are allowed. Health care facilities remain open under observance of the necessary hygiene and safety measures. In waiting situations together with other persons the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 shall apply.

§ 7

Catering trade

(1) Closed are catering facilities, particularly

1. restaurants, eateries, bars, pubs, cafes, hookah bars, and similar facilities,
2. ice cream parlors, ice cream cafes and similar establishment,
3. Vinothèques, tasting rooms and similar facilities,
4. Offers of day trips on excursion boats, including the gastronomic offer, and similar facilities.

Pick-up, delivery and drop-off services as well as street sales (no serving of alcohol) and outlet/producer sales are permitted. The general protective measures, particularly the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 and the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply.

(2) Canteens and refectories which exclusively supply the facility concerned are open subject to observing the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 apply. The mask obligation pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 is only waived at the seat.

§ 8

Hotel industry, accommodation establishments

(1) Closed are accommodation establishments, particularly

1. hotels, hotel garni, guesthouses, inns, and similar facilities
2. holiday homes, holiday apartments, private quarters, and similar facilities
3. hostels, recreation, holiday and training homes, holiday centers, and similar facilities
4. campsites, motorhome pitches, caravan parks and similar facilities.

If necessary, they may only open to non-tourist travel, in compliance with general protective measures.

(2) The obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1 applies to the contact details of all guests. The obligation to retain pursuant to § 30 para. 4 of the Federal Registration Act remains unaffected.

(3) In all publically accessible areas of the facility the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 as well as indoors the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 apply. By access control the person who runs the facility has to prevent the accumulation of persons in publically accessible areas of the facility or areas reserved for guests that are used by a majority of persons.

(4) § 7 para. 2 applies mutatis mutandis to the gastronomic offers for the supply of non-tourist travelers in the facility. The other provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the provision of services, leisure, sports, and wellness activities.

§ 9

Use of means of transport, school transport.

(1) General protective measure, in particular the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4. Sentence 1 shall apply when using local and long-distance public transport and commercial passenger traffic at airports and associated facilities like for example staying at stops, on platforms or at air traveler check-ins. Sentence 1 also applies to exempted student transport and other passenger transport in accordance with the Exemption Ordinance of 30

August 1962 as amended as well as to taxi and rental car services. Ticket sales by the driver are only possible if there are separating divider in the vehicles. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on public transportation is prohibited.

(2) Transport of students in accordance with § 69 of the School Act (SchulG) or § 33 of the Private School Act (PrivSchG) shall not be refused on the ground that these do not wear a cover over mouth and nose.

(3) The operation of cable cars, chairlifts and similar facilities can be carried out in compliance with protective measures in accordance with paragraph 1.

(4) The performance of coach trips, boat trips or similar offers is prohibited.

Part 5 Sports and Leisure Time

§ 10 Sports

(1) Training and competition in amateur and leisure sports in team sports and in contact sports are prohibited. On and in all public and private sport complexes sporting activities in individual sports in amateur and leisure sports is only permitted outdoors and only alone, in pairs or with persons belonging to the same household. In addition, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 applies throughout the entire sporting activity. Spectators are not allowed; except for first or second degree relatives at sporting activities of minors.

(2) Swimming pools and fun pools, saunas, thermal baths, gyms and similar facilities are closed.

(3) Training and competition of professional and top-level sport is permitted on public and private sports facilities, provided that a hygiene concept drawn up by the sports federations or league managers is available and complied with. Spectators are not allowed. Top-level and professional sport within the meaning of sentence 1 are practiced by:

1. Federal and State squad athletes in Olympic disciplines (Olympic squads, perspective squads, supplementary squads, junior squad 1, junior squad 2, state squads) as well as federal and State squad athletes in Paralympic disciplines (Paralympic squads, perspective squads, team squads, junior squad 1, junior squads 2, State squads) which are recognized by the relevant federal or state federations.

2. teams of all Olympic and Paralympic sports of the 1st-3rd leagues as well as the regional league in men's football. In addition, professional teams in non-Olympic and non-Paralympic sports. Professional sport is the paid full-time activity of professional athletes in corporations or in the commercial enterprises of clubs.

3. teams of the highest leagues of the youth and junior age group U 17 or older as well as players of the Federal and State squads of the age groups U 15 and U 16, provided that the teams or players train at a young professionals performance center certified by the competent top professional association.

4. economically independent, club unaffiliated or association unaffiliated professional athletes without federal squad status, as well as

5. other athletes who have already qualified for the upcoming European and World Championships or who can qualify in 2020 or 2021.

§ 11

Leisure Time

(1) Closed are:

1. trade fairs, special markets, and similar facilities
2. amusement parks and similar facilities
3. zoological gardens, zoos, botanical gardens, and similar facilities
4. gambling hall, casinos, bet agencies and similar facilities.

Notwithstanding sentence 2 No. 4, betting agencies can be entered for a short period of time for placing bets; the operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that there is no further lingering beyond.

(2) On playgrounds, the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 has to be observed if possible. The mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4 applies to any adults present.

Part 6

Education and Culture

§ 12

Schools, State study seminars for teaching posts

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§ 13

Child day care facilities

[not translated]

§ 14

Universities, extracurricular education, training and further education

(1) If research and teaching activities at universities and publicly funded non-university research institutions do not take place digitally, the general protective measures shall be observed. The universities have to develop hygiene concepts for their institutions. In particular apply the distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1, the mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 4, and the obligation to record contacts pursuant to § 1 para. 8 sentence 1. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 can be deviated from if the research or teaching activity makes this absolutely necessary, especially if the subject field contains practical elements for which compliance with the distance requirement is not possible.

(2) Educational programs offered in public or private institutions outside the general and vocational schools are only digitally allowed. Non-deferrable examinations pursuant to § 37 and § 48 of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG) of 4 May 2020 (BGBl. I p. 920) as amended, as well as pursuant to § 31 and § 39 of the Handicrafts Code of 24 September 1998 (BGBl. I p. 3074; 2006 I p. 2095) as amended are allowed in physical presence. § 12 para. 4 sentences 2 to 7 apply accordingly. § 10 applies accordingly to sports and exercise activities in public and private facilities outside general and vocational schools.

(3) Paragraph 2 also applies to appropriate educational opportunities for individuals and to measures taken by service providers to provide employment integration benefits in accordance with Title Two of the Social Code or measures of active employment promotion according to Title Three of the Social Code, in addition to labor market policy projects, supported by national funds or funds of European Social Fund.

(4) Offers from driving schools and the training and further education of officially recognized experts or examiners for motor vehicle traffic or their auditing and for flight schools are not permitted in physical presence format. Excluded from this are offers from driving schools with regard to the training of driving license classes C and D, as well as offers from training providers of professional driver qualification.

(5) Offers of youth work and youth social work are only permitted individually.

§ 15 Culture

(1) Closed are public and commercial cultural institutions, in particular

1. cinemas, theaters, concert halls, cabarets, museums, and similar facilities
2. circuses and similar facilities.

(2) Rehearsal and performance of the grassroots and amateur culture is prohibited. Extracurricular music lessons are prohibited when conducted in physical presence.

(3) The rehearsal and performance of professional cultural offers is permitted, subject to compliance with the general protective measures. The distance requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 2 sentence 1 between the participating persons can be reduced during the rehearsal; this does not apply to the rehearsal of choirs, vocals, wind orchestras, trombone choirs and other ensembles

with wind instruments. Activities that lead to increased aerosol emissions should, where possible, take place outdoors.

Part 7 Hospitals and similar Institutions

§ 16

Visiting and access arrangements for special institutions

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§ 17

Hospitals

[not translated]

§ 18

Registration of treatment capacities

[not translated]

Part 8 Quarantine Measures for Arrivals and Returnees and Group-related Measures

§ 19

Isolation for arrivals and returnees, observation

(1) Persons entering Rheinland-Pfalz by land, sea, or air from abroad who have been in a risk area referred to in paragraph 4 at any time 10 days prior of entry, are, after entry, required to resort to their main or secondary dwelling or to any other accommodation enabling isolation without delay and by direct route and to stay continuously isolated there for 10 days after entry; this also applies to persons who entered another state of the Federal Republic of Germany at first. During this period, persons mentioned in the sentence 1 are not permitted to have visits from other persons who do not belong to their household.

(2) Persons covered by paragraph 1 sentence 1 shall be obliged to contact their competent Public Health Office immediately after entry and to draw attention to the existing obligation referred to in paragraph 1 sentence 1. The obligation under sentence 1 shall be fulfilled by:

1. submitting a digital entry declaration under <https://www.einreiseanmeldung.de>, transmitting the data pursuant to Part I No. 1 sentence 1 of the Decree concerning travel after a declaration of an epidemic situation of national significance by the German Bundestag of 29 September 2020 (BANz. AT 29.09.2020 B2) as amended and upon entry carrying the confirmation of the successful digital entry declaration and upon request presenting it to the carrier, in the case of

Part I No. 1 sentence 5 of the decree to the authority responsible for the police control of cross-border traffic, or

2. submitting a written alternative declaration on the model of Annex 2 of the Decree concerning travel after a declaration of an epidemic situation of national significance by the German Bundestag of 29 September 2020 (BAZ. AT 29.09.2020 B2) as amended (exit card) to the carrier, in the case of Part I No. 1 sentence 5 of the decree to the authority responsible for the police control of cross-border traffic insofar as, in exceptional cases, a notification pursuant to Number 1 was not possible, or

3. immediate transmission of a replacement declaration in written or text form (exit card) to the competent Public Health Office insofar as, in exceptional cases, notification pursuant to Number 1 and Number 2 was not possible.

Persons covered by paragraph 1 sentence 1 are also obliged to inform the competent Public Health Office without delay if typical symptoms of infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste occur within ten days of entry.

(3) During the isolation period the persons referred to in paragraph 1, sentence 1 shall be subject to surveillance by the responsible Public Health Office.

(4) A risk area within the meaning of paragraph 1 is a state or region outside the Federal Republic of Germany for which there is an increased risk of infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at the time of entry into the Federal Republic of Germany. Classification as a risk area is carried out by the Federal Ministry of Health, the Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Construction and Homeland and is valid at the end of the first day after publication by the Robert Koch Institute on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete>.

(5) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence, are obliged to move to an assigned accommodation and to isolate there permanently for a period of 10 days. Under § 47 of the Asylum Act, persons obliged to reside in such a reception center are obliged to inform the institution of the reception center immediately if symptoms occur, indicating an infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2 in accordance with the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute, to move to assigned, suitable accommodation and to stay continuously isolated there until the presentation of a test result about a possible infection with the coronavirus SARSCoV-2. The host facility shall inform the competent Public Health Office of this matter without delay. The reception center may at any time assign new accommodation areas to the persons concerned and may allow exceptions from the requirements under sentences 1 and 2.

(6) Persons who are newly admitted to a reception center for asylum seekers in the country or readmitted after a prolonged absence shall immediately after admission at the request of the competent Public Health Office or the reception institution present a medical certificate in accordance with sentences 2 and 3 that they have no evidence of the presence of an infection with the Coronavirus SARS CoV 2. The medical certificate must be in writing in German, in English or in the French language. The underlying test must meet the requirements of the Robert

Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>. The testing shall not have been carried out more than 48 hours prior to admission to the reception facility. If such a certificate is not presented, the named persons are obliged to tolerate the medical examination for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2. This includes a molecular biological test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, including a smear for the extraction of the sample material.

§ 20 Exceptions

(1) § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to persons who enter the State of Rhineland-Palatinate only for transit; they have to leave the territory of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate on the fastest way to complete the transit.

(2) § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons who have spent less than 72 hours in a risk area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 or who enter the Federal Republic of Germany for up to 24 hours from a risk area,

2. stays of less than 72 hours concerning

- a) persons entering on the basis of visiting first-degree relatives, a spouse or partner not belonging to the same household, or shared custody or parental visitation,
- b) persons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts, whose activities are urgently necessary and indispensable for the maintenance of health care, and this is certified by the employer or client,
- c) persons transporting across borders persons, goods or merchandise by road, rail, ship or air for professional reasons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts, or
- d) high-ranking members of the diplomatic and consular service, of people's representatives and governments, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts, or

3. persons, subject to compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts,

- a) residing in the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate who, for the purpose of practicing their profession, studies or training, go to their place of occupation, study or training in a risk area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 and return regularly, at least once a week, to their place of residence (outbound cross-border commuters); or
- b) who have their residence in a risk area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 and who, for the purpose of practicing their profession, studies or training, go to the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate and return to their place of residence regularly, at least once a week (inbound cross-border commuter);

The absolute necessity as well as compliance with adequate protection and hygiene concepts shall be certified by the employer, the client or the educational institution.

(3) § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to persons who have a negative test result with respect to an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 within the meaning of sentences 2 to 5 and

1. whose activity is indispensable for keeping up

- a) the functioning of the health service, in particular doctors, nurses, supportive medical staff and 24-hour care personnel;
- b) public safety and order;
- c) the maintenance of diplomatic and consular relations;
- d) the functioning of the administration of justice (including Notars and law firms);
- e) the functioning of the representation of the people, the government and the Federal, State, and municipalities administration; or
- f) the functioning of the institutions of the European Union and of international organizations;

the indispensability must be certified by the employer or client,

2. who enter

- a) for visiting first or second degree relatives, the spouse or life partner not belonging to the same household, or for exercising shared custody or parental visitation
- b) for an urgent medical treatment or
- c) in support or care for a person in need of protection or assistance.

3. as law enforcement personnel returning from their mission or mission like duties abroad.

4. who have been for up to 5 days based on absolute necessary and urgent professionally caused reasons, due to their training or studies in a risk area pursuant to § 19 para. 4 or who enter the Federal territory, the absolute necessity and urgent professional cause shall be certified by the employer, client or the educational institution.

5. who are accredited by the respective organizing committee for the preparation, participation, implementation and follow-up of international sporting events or are invited by a federal sports federation to take part in training and training activities,

6. who return from a risk area within the meaning of § 19 para. 4 and who took a test at their holiday destination with a negative result in relation to an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 immediately before returning, provided that:

a) based on an agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the local national government concerned, special epidemiological precautions (protection and hygiene concept) have been taken for a holiday in this risk area (see, website of the Federal Foreign Office [<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de>] as well as the Robert Koch Institute [<https://www.rki.de>]),

b) the infection situation in the relevant risk area does not stand against non-compliance with the obligation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1, and

c) the Foreign Office did not issue a travel warning for the affected region due to an increased risk of infection under <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/reise-und-sicherheitshinweise>, or

7. who arrive for study or training purposes for a stay of at least three months; this has to be certified by the employer or the educational institution.

Immediately upon request the test result shall be presented on paper or in an electronic document in German, English or French to the competent Public Health Office within ten days of entry. The underlying test shall either have been carried out no earlier than 48 hours prior to entry or has to be carried out immediately. The underlying test shall meet the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>. The test result shall be kept for at least ten days after entry

(4) § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 does not apply to

1. persons subject § 54 a IfSG

2. members of foreign forces within the meaning of the NATO Status Forces Agreement, the NATO Partnership for Peace Status of Forces Agreement (PfP SOFA), and the European Union Status of Forces Agreement (EU SOFA) who enter or return to Germany for official purposes, or

3. persons who, for the purpose of taking up work for at least three weeks, enter the Federal territory, provided that special occupational hygiene measures and contact prevention arrangements are taken outside the working group at the place of their accommodation and activity during the first 10 days after their entry, which are comparable to isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1, and the abandonment of accommodation is only permitted for the performance of their activity; the employer shall inform the competent authority before the work starts and shall document the measures taken, the competent authority shall verify compliance.

(5) In justified cases, the competent Public Health Office may, upon request, allow further exceptions in the event of a valid reason.

(6) Paragraphs 1 to 5 apply only if the persons referred to therein do not experience typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2 such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste. If within 10 days of entry persons subject to paragraphs 2 to 5 experience typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste, such a person shall immediately consult a doctor or a test center for a test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

§ 21

Shortening of Isolation Period

(1) The isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 shall end no earlier than the fifth day after entry, if a person has a negative test result on an infection with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 on

paper or in an electronic document in German, English or French and submits it to the competent Public Health Office immediately upon request within ten days of entry.

(2) The underlying test shall not have been carried out until five days after entry into the Federal Republic of Germany. The underlying test must meet the requirements of the Robert Koch Institute, published on the internet at the address <https://www.rki.de/covid19-tests>

(3) The person shall keep the medical certificate for at least 10 days after entry.

(4) Isolation pursuant to § 19 para. 1 sentence 1 is suspended for the duration necessary to carry out a test referred to in paragraph 1.

(5) If within 10 days of entry a person subject to paragraph 1 experiences typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus SARS CoV-2, such as cough, fever, cold or loss of smell and taste, that person shall immediately consult a doctor or a test center for a test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

(6) Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall apply to persons subject to § 20 para. 4 No. 3 mutatis mutandis.'

§ 22

Group-related Measures

In the case of special group-related work and accommodation situations, in particular seasonal workers who work and live in groups or who travel for the purpose of taking up an activity in a group, the employer has to notify the competent authority before work commences. The employer shall take and document special occupational hygiene measures and arrangements for contact avoidance outside the working group based on the relevant technical standards, in particular in accordance with the competent professional association. The competent authority shall verify compliance. Rooms shall only be occupied with a maximum of half the usual occupancy capacity; this restriction does not apply to families.

Part 9

General Decrees

§ 23

(1) General Orders of the county administrations, in district-free cities of the city administration as county regulatory authorities for the control of the Coronavirus SARS-VoV2 in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control Act are to be issued in agreement with the competent Ministry dealing with health matters. Insofar as this Ordinance contains more specific protective measures than general orders pursuant to sentence one, those general orders shall be replaced and repealed by this Ordinance.

(2) Paragraph 1 sentence 1 does not apply to general orders which regulate the local and temporal scope of a mask requirement pursuant to § 1 para. 3 sentence 3.

(3) Counties and county-free cities, where the number of new infections within seven days relating to 100,000 inhabitants (7-day incidence) is higher than 200 according to the Robert Koch Institute's publications, will coordinate in agreement with the Ministry dealing with health matters responsible additional protective measures beyond this regulation.

Part 10
Administrative Fines, Entering into Force, Expiration

§ 24

Administrative offences

An administrative offence within the meaning of § 73 para. 1 (a) No. 24 of the Infection Prevention and Control Act is committed by anyone who intentionally or negligently

[No. 1 to 88. - not translated]

§ 74 IfSG [Infection Prevention and Control Act] remains unaffected.

§ 25

Entry into force, expiration

(1) This Decree shall enter into force on 16 December 2020 and shall expire at the end of 10 January 2021.

(2) The Thirteenth Corona Control Ordinance Rhineland-Palatinate of 27 November 2020 (...) shall expire at the end of 15 December 2020.

Done at Mainz on 14 December 2020

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